

Appl. No. 09/849,763

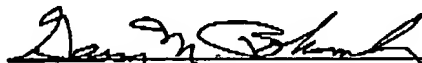
REMARKS:

In the aforementioned office communication, it is felt the Examiner indicated claims 1-23, 94 and 95 were allowable, even though the summary sheet states that claims 1-24 have been allowed. A careful review of the office communication, however, implies that claim 24 should actually have been rejected and was in fact also indicated as a rejected claim. For purposes of this amendment, claim 24 has been considered to be rejected. Further, claims 25-31, 33, 35-38, and 97 were objected to and indicated as being allowable if rewritten so as to not to depend from a rejected claim. Pursuant to the amendments to the claims set forth herein, claims 25, 29, 31, 33, 35, and 36 have been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of claim 24 from which they each depended, and accordingly they are now felt to be in allowable form. The remaining claims which were objected to by the Examiner depend from at least one of the aforementioned claims which were rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim. They too are felt to now be in an allowable form. Claims 24, 32, 34, 39, 40, 89-93, and 96 were rejected, and have been cancelled herein. Pursuant to the above, claims 41-88 and 98-105 have been withdrawn from further consideration, while claims 24, 32, 34, 39, 40, 89-93 and 96 have been canceled. This leaves only in this application claims 1-23, 94 and 95, which are indicated as being allowed, and claims 25-31, 33, 35-38, and 97 which have been rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and therefore are also felt to be in allowable form.

All the remaining claims in the application having either been withdrawn or canceled, it is felt the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is courteously requested.

Signed at Denver, Colorado, this 3rd day of December, 2003.

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